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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "B" UNDER 37 CFR §1.115

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Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application, prior to the first Office Action, as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 9 as follows:

1. (Amended) An agricultural method for in the field use, comprising:

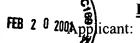
generating steam in a first steam generator, the steam having water droplets therein;

removing substantially all the water droplets from the steam so as to form saturated steam

substantially free of water droplets;

heating the [supersaturated] saturated steam to at least about 300° F in a second steam generator to form superheated steam; and,

selectively delivering sufficient of the superheated steam to soil in a field to kill undesired organisms.



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